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<u>Via Electronic Filing</u>
Mr. William F. Caton
Acting Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th St., S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Application by Verizon New England Inc. et al. to Provide In-Region InterLATA
Services in Rhode Island CC Docket No. 01-324

Dear Mr. Caton:

Yesterday, February 20, 2002, I had a telphone conversation with Jordan Goldstein, Legal Adviser to Commissioner Copps regarding the aforementioned proceeding. During that conversation, I emphasized the importance of Verizon being required in this application to lower its rates to a level consistent with the new rates approved by the New York Public Service Commission. I also discussed the process concerns raised in AT&T's ex parte letter dated February 17, 2002 and recommended that in future proceedings the Commission should consider an automatic restart of the 90 day application when late-filed evidence is introduced by the applicant into the record. The discussion was consistent with the Comments and other written filings previously made by AT&T in this proceeding.

One copy of this Notice is being submitted for each of the referenced proceedings in accordance with the Commission's rules.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Zummy.

cc: Jordan Goldstein